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Instruction Memorandum No. ID-2003-095
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To: Idaho Corporate Team/Idaho Management Forum
From: State Director
Subject: Continuation of Moratorium on the Use of OUST[®] Herbicide and Experimental Use of Plateau Herbicide

Program Areas: Chemical Pest Control and Integrated Weed Management

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) replaces IM No. ID-2002-003 issued on October 17, 2001.

Policy/Action: The use of OUST[®] herbicide on **all** public land in Idaho remains suspended until this directive is explicitly rescinded by the Idaho State Director.

There has been some confusion on the use of Imazapic (Plateau) as a substitute for OUST[®] in controlling cheatgrass and other annual weeds in Idaho. **Imazapic (Plateau) is to be used only for experimental purposes.** Until the new Conservation and Restoration Vegetation, Watershed and Wildlife Habitat Treatments Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is completed and approved this product is to be used only on small experimental plots. The maximum area that each field office and station can treat is 5 acres per plot and 3 plots per field office or station per year. A site-specific Environmental Assessment must be prepared for these experimental uses of Plateau and routed to the State Office (930) for review prior to signing the Decision Record/Rationale.

Time Frame: This policy extends the moratorium on the use of OUST currently in effect until explicitly rescinded by the Idaho State Director.

Background: We are still evaluating the situation that occurred following our application of OUST® in the fall of 2000 on public land in south-central and eastern Idaho. No applications of OUST® on public land in Idaho are authorized until further notice and this moratorium is lifted.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None.

Coordination: This IM was coordinated with the Office of the Solicitor.

Contact: Questions on this policy can be directed to Jon Foster at (208) 373-3813 or Karl Gebhardt at (208) 373-3814. Questions on the use of Plateau may also be addressed to Roger Rosentreter (208) 373-3824 in addition to Jon or Karl.

Lower Snake River District with Union: No Union notification or negotiation is required.

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